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On Bombing

1. What evidence is there on the effectiveness of B-52 attacks:
 - a. In producing VC/NVA casualties?
 - b. In disrupting VC/NVA operations?
2. How important are defoliation operations, including crop destruction, in relation to Vietnamese and domestic U.S. objections to these operations?
3. What proportion of U.S. "in country" combat sorties are in support of RVNAF vs. U.S. ground operations?
4. What effect is the Laotian interdiction bombing having:
 - a. In reducing the capacity of the enemy logistic system?
 - b. In destroying materiel in transit?
5. With regard to the bombing of North Vietnam:
 - a. What were the principal strains imposed on the DRV (e.g., in economic disruption, extra manpower demands, transportation blockages, population morale) and what evidence was there on the significance of these strains?
 - b. To what extent did Chinese and Soviet aid relieve pressure on Hanoi?
 - c. What proportion of imports into NVN could come over the rail and road lines from China into the DRV? Specifically, could the DRV receive necessary imports even if all imports by sea were denied?

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d. What action has the DRV taken to reduce the vulnerability and importance of Hanoi as a population and economic center (e.g., through population evacuation and economic dispersal?).